UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MAINE

LAURIE TARDIFF, Individually and as Representative of a class of all persons similarly situated,

Plaintiff

v.

Civil No. 02-251-P-C

KNOX COUNTY; DANIEL DAVEY, in his individual capacity and in his official capacity as Knox County Sheriff; and JANE DOE and JOHN DOE, in their individual capacities,

Defendants

Plaintiff Laurie Tardiff, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated, commenced this action against Defendants Knox County, Daniel Davey, Knox County Sheriff, and individual corrections officers Jane Doe and John Doe. Plaintiff alleges that she was subjected to an unconstitutional strip search as part of an intake procedure at the Knox County Jail. Her claims arise under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Defendants deny all of the allegations.

On November 5, 2003, the Court certified the following class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

All people who after November 19, 1996, were subjected to a strip search and/or visual body cavity search without evaluation for individualized reasonable suspicion while being held at the Knox County Jail:

- (1) after having been arrested on charges that did not involve a weapon, drugs, or a violent felony; or
- (2) while waiting for bail to be set on charges that did not involve a weapon, drugs, or a violent felony; or

- (3) while waiting for an initial court appearance on charges that did not involve a weapon, drugs, or a violent felony; or
- (4) after having been arrested on a warrant that did not involve a weapon, drugs, or a violent felony.

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